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AVON PARK LOCALS.

A Correction.

In our item of last week upon the 70th birthday Anniversary of Bishop Gray we referred to a poem written for the occasion and published in the Living Church of Sept. 16th. The "intelligent composer" made it read, "The living death." There is nothing appropriate about that name as applied. The Living Church is a splendid church paper fully alive. It is published in that live city of America—Chicago.

Mr. O. P. Werinick has had a new tower built for his water tank near the old tower and moved the tank, bodily, onto the new tower which is about twenty-five feet in height, some three feet higher than the old one. Mr. Frank Thompson and Mr. Werinick framed the timber for the tower and made ready the foundation and on Tuesday, eight or ten neighbors turned out to the raising and got the structure all ready to receive the tank. The day was too short to complete the job and the placing of the large tank in its new position had to go over to the next day. The new tower is a better and more durable one than the old which has stood for ten years.

A. Winthrop Sargent and wife and their daughter Fannie, arrived at home on Tuesday after an absence of over four months. They are well and have enjoyed a most satisfactory visit to friends, and amidst scenes familiar to them in early life in Boston and vicinity. Mr. Sargent's eldest sister who for many years has resided mostly abroad, he had not seen since he was a youth of 16 years, until he met her on this recent visit. We are pleased to see Mr. Sargent apparently in greatly improved health, and Mrs. Sargent "fair, fat and—" in splendid health.

The county school board at its regular session for October, granted application from Avon Park and Oak Hill \$1000 to establish school libraries. Our report is one of the first two to raise the amount, \$1000, and make application for the same. We are pleased to see Mr. Sargent apparently in greatly improved health, and Mrs. Sargent "fair, fat and—" in splendid health.

Mr. Henry Bosler returned on Friday of last week from his sojourn in Ohio. His sister, whose illness called him there, did not recover but died three weeks after he arrived. He visited his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee Saltonstall.

Mr. W. R. Wayman arrived last week from his trip to Michigan, after an absence of some three months which he spent in Wyandotte, Mich., where his brother and sister reside, also his son. He was well while away and gained a good deal in weight.

Mr. W. R. Minor, of Bowling Green, Fla., drove over to the Park on Saturday and remained until Monday. His wife and little girl were the magnets that drew him hither, no doubt.

Dr. J. B. Muir has decided to remain North the coming winter and has authorized the renting of his house for the winter. At the same time he announces his purpose to come a year from now. It may be to remain somewhat permanently then.

Mr. E. L. Hall has a nice, gentle family horse that he has recently bought of Oren Ohlinger, of Haines City. It is a handsome little horse, and will doubtless prove to be just as it was represented.

Miss Katharine Floyd, who has been summering at Montreal, N. C., is thinking of coming to Avon Park again for the winter. She spent the last two winters here.

Mr. Twitchell, of New Haven, who has expected to come here with his friend, W. H. Fox, for the winter has ditched off to Mt. Dora, we hear.

Gabriel Skipper, a former postmaster at Avon Park, was in the Park last Saturday night for a while, we are told, but did not see him.

Little Fanny Bennett, who was born at Avon Park ten years ago, had never seen a railroad or a train of cars until she was at Winter Haven two weeks ago.

Mr. Bennett has in his nursery hundreds of fine grapefruit trees and lemon stocks. We don't know whether they are sold yet or not.

Mothers

Should keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms, and remove them with Cream Vermifuge. It is the best tonic. It gets digested, and so that their food does not rot, and they grow up healthy.

H. E. Coy is expected here almost any day now.

Mr. George Bantel and family will come to the Park early this season, probably before the end of this month.

A little baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hinkley, at Hollyhurst early last Sunday morning, Oct. 8th, 1905.

Mr. S. J. Brown and his assistant, Mr. W. R. Doolittle, have just finished papering the Dart cottage.

People are saying when are the Kesslers coming? Can't say. We're not informed.

Rev. S. J. Townsend and family and Mrs. Bennett and little Fanny got back from the C. E. convention at Winter Haven Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. W. R. Minor, with her little girl, came over from Bowling Green last week for a visit to her parents.

Mr. Bossler has several hundred fine budded trees of grapefruit, Excelsior and marsh seedless which he offers for sale.

The Barton Grove has just been fertilized and plowed. Mr. H. E. Godevin, who has charge of the grove, has done the work.

Clarence Bennett got home from Winter Park Tuesday night. His rheumatism or whatever the difficulty is, grew worse, and he was unable to perform the work he had undertaken at the college, and so returned home. He has the sincere sympathy of his friends who hope for his speedy relief from the faithful disability that has befallen him.

For Sale.

A 9-room dwelling house situated on the shore of Lake Lotela, Avon Park. The best location on this beautiful lake. Lot 50x400 feet—runs from lake to street. House close to the lake—barn and shed at the street end of lot. Title perfect. Price \$550 cash. Enquire of O. R. Thacher, Avon Park, Fla., Lock Box 218. 6-3m

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THE HEIGHT OF WAVES.

It Is Never More Than Fifty Feet From Trough to Crest.

Owing to many causes the ocean is never still. The wind is one of the chief disturbers, for it gives rise to waves. The effect of an ordinary storm is not felt below a depth of fifty feet, and beneath 700 feet the water can only be disturbed by tides and undercurrents. When you read of "waves running mountains high" you may be sure the writer has never seen a mountain, but has a fine flow of words. The usual height of a wave in common storms seldom is more than twelve feet and in violent gales on the open sea never exceeds fifty feet from trough to crest and a length of about 600 feet. In the south Pacific waves forty-three feet in height have been measured, in the south Atlantic thirty-nine feet, in the bay of Biscay thirty-six feet, in the North sea and the Mediterranean thirteen feet. Of course nearer land when driven furiously against an obstacle, such as a lighthouse, waves often dash against the top of the lighthouse, such as the Bell Rock, 100 feet, and Unst, in the Shetlands, 200 feet. But in the deep sea, even in a howling tempest, they never run higher than fifty feet, which would be a very poor mountain. —New York Herald.

An Indignant Bundle.

Lord Middleton, a very nearsighted nobleman, had an embarrassing experience some years ago. "Wait a moment," he said to a companion as they entered a railway carriage. "I'll just pop this bundle on to the rack." So saying he made a grab at an object occupying a corner seat and seized a large and elderly lady, who indignantly protested against being disturbed.

A Starter.

A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette vouches for this incident: A young woman, with a fretful baby, in a full omnibus (aloud): "Poor little nipper, I suppose I shall end by 'aving to take 'im to the 'ospital." (Raising the child's veil and looking around for sympathy) "Don't get no rest. 'E is sufferin' so with smallpox."

Glazed Ham.

To glaze a cold ham first brush over the ham with beaten yolk of egg. Then cover this very thickly with finely powdered breadcrumbs, pressed on firmly. Lastly brush over the whole with thick cream and set in a quick oven. This glazing should be brown and will be like a delicious crust.

FAST TRAINS.

They Run Through Track Obstructions Better Than Slow Ones.

On the straight stretches of the line the fast train because of its higher velocity is less likely to be thrown from the track by some obstruction than the slow train. The writer was once on an engine that was thundering down grade through the Bad Lands of Dakota with a ten car train behind it at a speed of over sixty miles an hour when the engine struck and swept through a band of wild horses that dashed out of a neighboring canyon across the track just as the train was upon them. The engine and train kept the rails unharmed. At another time he was on an engine that was crawling slowly up grade when a small band of sheep crossing the tracks proved enough to derail the engine.

It takes but a very small force to deflect a billiard ball that is rolling slowly across a billiard table, but if that same ball were moving at the rate of 100 feet a second (a frequent speed for these fast expresses) it could only be deflected by the exercise of considerable force. It is the instinctive recognition of this fact that has led some engineers when they have seen that they must hit a comparatively light obstruction to increase rather than decrease the speed of the train.—Exchange.

CHOP SUEY.

A Recipe For Making This Famous Chinese Dish.

For chop suey scrape the meat from the bones of a small chicken and cut it into strips a half inch in length. Peel an onion and slice it very thin. Soak eight or ten dried mushrooms in cold water for ten minutes, then drain. Cut a stalk of celery into half inch bits. Cut six Chinese potatoes into slices after washing them thoroughly. Cook a cup of rice in an abundance of boiling water without stirring, then drain and have so dry that each grain stands separate.

Put a great spoonful of butter in a frying pan and cook the chicken in this, turning it often. When done through, but not dry or crisp, add the sliced onion and cook for five minutes more. Now add the mushrooms and a small cupful of Chinese sauce. The sauce takes the place of salt. Add a cup of boiling water and stew for fifteen minutes. Stir in the celery and cook for ten minutes, then add the potatoes and cook for two or three minutes. Thicken with a little flour rubbed smooth in a gill of water, boil up once hard and serve with the rice, which must have been kept hot.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

PAUL JONES' IDEALS.

What, Besides a Mariner, a Naval Officer Should Be.

To the people of the country at large Paul Jones unquestionably will forever be a popular figure among the national heroes, but to the officers of the navy he is much more than the first and perhaps most dashing member of their beloved service. He is not only the man who said, "I have not yet begun to fight," he is the one who most thoroughly understood the requirements of the naval profession and the one who placed its ideals so high that it will be a perpetual incentive to ambition to attain them.

Upon his tomb should be inscribed the paragraph from his letter that epitomizes the requirements of the service which he adorned and that should stimulate every midshipman to adopt his standards. He said:

"It is by no means enough that an officer of the navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy and the nicest sense of personal honor."—Navy League Journal.

Long Lived Ancestors.

In ancient days people seemed to have lived longer than in modern times. When the census during the reign of Vespasian, the Roman emperor, was taken several persons were living who were more than 100 years old, among them being two in Parma, each 125 years; one in Brixellum, 125; one in Placentia, 130; a woman in Faventia, 135; L. Terentius, in Bologna, 140; MM. Apponius and Tertulla, the former being 140 and the latter 137, and at Velejactum, near Placentia, six persons who were 110, four 120 and one who was 140.

The Color Spreads.

An Eskimo baby is born fair, except for a dark round spot on the small of the back varying in size from a three-penny bit to a shilling. From this center head of color the dark tint gradually spreads till the toddling Eskimo is as beautifully and as completely and as highly colored as a well smoked meerschaum pipe. The same thing happens among the Japanese.

What Truth Is.

Truth is the grand motor power which, like a giant engine, has rolled the car of civilization out from the maze of antiquity, where it now waits to be freighted with the precious fruits of living genius.—Seeker.

Took His Advice.

"He told his wife she ought to take cooking lessons."
"Did she?"
"Well, yes. She sent for her mother to come and give her a three months' course."

A Bright Youth.

She (archly)—Whom should you call the prettiest girl in the room?
He (looking about him)—I'm! Well, to tell the truth, there isn't a pretty girl in the place.

THE BAROMETER.

Incident That Led to Its Invention by Torricelli.

The barometer was invented by Torricelli, a pupil of Galileo, in 1643. In attempting to pump water from a very deep well near Florence he found that in spite of all his efforts the liquid would not rise higher in the pump stock than thirty-two feet. This set the young scientist to thinking, and as he could not account for the phenomenon in any other way he was not slow in attributing it to atmospheric pressure. He argued that water would rise in a vacuum only to such a height as would render the downward pressure or weight of the column of water just equal to the atmospheric pressure, and, further, that should a heavier fluid be used the height of the column could be much reduced. To prove this he selected a glass tube four feet long and after sealing one end filled it with mercury and then inverted it in a basin containing a quantity of the same peculiar liquid. The column in the tube quickly fell to a height of nearly thirty inches above the mercury in the basin, leaving in the top of the tube a vacuum which is the most perfect that has ever been obtained and which is to this day called the Torricelli vacuum in honor of its discoverer. The name of the instrument means "air measure," and its fundamental principles cannot be better illustrated than by the above described experiment.

GAMBLING.

Why It Was Forbidden in Ancient Rome and England.

Games "depending partly on skill and partly on hazard, with a view to the pecuniary gain," were forbidden by the Romans both under republic and empire. This was not done because these games tended to demoralize the populace, but because it tended to render them effeminate and unmanly. During the saturnalia, which was a period of license, these games were permitted. Rome was "wide open" then. And a like indulgence at other seasons was extended to the old men both among the Greeks and the Romans. It was one of the privileges of age. Tacitus mentions the existence of the vice of gambling among the ancient Germans.

In England, as in Rome, gambling was prohibited, not because it demoralized, but because it rendered its devotees effeminate. An act passed in 1541 had in view the double object of "maintaining the artillery and debarring unlawful games." An act passed during the reign of Queen Anne declared that all bonds or other securities given for money won at play or money lent at the time to play with should be utterly void, and all mortgages or incumbrances on lands made on the same consideration should be made over to the use of the mortgagee. This continued to be the law until 1845.

The Yak.

Yaks, which are the beasts of burden in Tibet, are very sure footed, and a good one will carry a load of over 200 pounds safely along the steepest hillside. They can exist on the scantiest grass, but grain food suits them for a few days only. Eight miles a day is good average work. A recent traveler tried leather boots for his yaks without success. Tame yaks are white, black, gray and brown and all intermediate gradations of these colors. The wild yak is invariably black, and in early spring his winter coat almost sweeps the ground. At such seasons wild and tame are almost indistinguishable, and a story is told of a big game hunter in Tibet who shot his own baggage animals by mistake.

The Horse Chestnut.

Why "Horse" chestnut? Ninety-nine out of a hundred will answer, "Don't know; never thought about it." All over the small branches you may find the minute horseshoes that give it the name. Where a bygone leaf has been the shoe, curve downward, with nail marks complete, is printed on the bark. And it is said that among the twigs may be found some with an odd and lifelike resemblance to a horse's foot and fetlock.

The Opening in the Tomb.

The perforation of the tomb was almost certainly intended as a door of exit for spirits. Even in later times, when the dead were burned, holes were often bored or knocked in the urns that contained the ashes for the same purpose. Some cinerary urns have been found with little windows, as it were, made in them and a piece of glass placed over the hole.

Gratitude.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none so fragrant, while its opponent, ingratitude, is a deadly weed, not only poisonous in itself, but impregnating the very atmosphere in which it grows with fetid vapors.

The Man of It.

He—There are some girls I'd give the world to kiss and some I don't want to kiss at all.
She—What kind do you kiss?
He—Any kind I get a chance to.—Detroit Free Press.

A Man of His Word.

"Here! This horse is blind. Why did you tell me its sight was good?"
"I didn't. I said its sight was never better, and it's gospel truth. The beast was born blind."

Well Carved.

Bobbles—What does this author mean by saying that the hero had "well carved" features? Bobbles—Perhaps he shaved himself.

NERVOUSNESS.

Its Causes, Its Cure and Its Evil Effects if Unchecked.

There are five causes of nervousness: (a) Low vitality of the nervous system; (b) the faculties of self mastery being weak; (c) loss of sleep; (d) the use of improper foods and drinks; (e) the association with erratic, excitable, nervous, idiotic, insane, cynical and pessimistic people.

When the life force is constantly leaving the body at the finger tips, at the feet, through the eyes, at the knees, at the hands and at the elbows a person becomes nervous. In order to overcome these losses a person should learn to control every movement. A restless foot, an uneasy eye, a swinging leg, involuntary motions, a trembling voice, an uneasy step, jerky actions, anger, irritability, pessimism, sudden starts, etc., are signs of nervousness. Unless a person develops his faculties of self mastery, unless he increases vitality of the nervous system, unless he gets the sleep which is necessary each and every day, unless he eats the right kind of foods and drinks the right kind of drinks and unless he associates with the right kind of people he will become more nervous. Lastly he will become a physical and mental wreck. He will become old looking and haggard. He will die before his time.—Human Culture.

HER KITCHEN FLOOR.

A Story and a Bit of Sarcasm About New England.

Unless you happen to have been born in New England I suppose it is impossible for you to appreciate what a floor really means to a conscientious housekeeper. I met a middle aged woman up in New Hampshire one summer who had the floor worship fetish to a really abnormal degree. The last thing she did every night after turning the cat out and locking the windows was to scrub the kitchen floor, the idea being, I suppose, that if the house burned down in the night the neighbors should not be able to find any spots to convict her of untidiness.

One night it happened that her husband was busy in the barn, and, forgetting that he had not come in, she manhandled the floor. She had scarcely finished when he was heard at the kitchen steps. He couldn't come in by the front door because that was sealed to keep out dust, and his wife simply wasn't going to have him tracking over her clean floor, so she made him sleep in the barn. He had plenty of clean hay to sleep on, and he was perfectly comfortable.

Men are scarce in New England, I understand. I don't doubt a bit that they've been killed off to save the floors.—Washington Post.

LONDON COSTER GIRLS.

They Must Sport Ostich Plumes on Their Holiday Outings.

Ostich plumes are as much a necessity to the London coster girl on her outings as are the pearl buttons to her masculine companion, and the big trimmed hats with their drooping feathers are familiar in all gatherings of this class.

Many of the girls cannot afford to keep their money tied up in useless plumes, and there thrives a brisk industry in the hiring of these feathers. The loan of a single plume for a day costs but 1 shilling, or for 4 shillings a gorgeous trio may be had for an outing, to be returned promptly the next morning.

Weather conditions determine the terms somewhat, since a wet or foggy day will take the curl out of the feathers and make recurring necessary, for which "Arriet" has to pay an extra shilling. On a bank holiday some shops rent out several hundred plumes, while on other occasions there is a steady trade with young women who wish to adorn themselves for an outing.—London Standard.

Fooling Thackeray.

It is related that when he first visited Ireland Thackeray took a drive on a Dublin car some distance into the country. Milestones had recently been erected along the roads, and on each was printed the number of miles with the letters "G. P. O." distances being measured from the general postoffice. Thackeray was unaware of this and in his thirst for information asked the carman what the letters meant. The prompt reply was, "God preserve O'Connell." Thackeray believed what he was told, but the incident only appeared in the first edition of his book.

Hard Woods.

The hardest known wood is cocob wood. It is much used in the manufacture of flutes, clarinets and other instruments. The tone which it produces is rich and powerful. Another very hard wood is that of the desert ironwood tree. It has a black heart so hard when well seasoned that it will turn the edge of an ax and can scarcely be cut by a well tempered saw.

Cynical, but Probably True.

A cynical philosopher is quoted as saying that the average inhabitant of England—or any other country, for that matter—would feel the loss of his own little finger more acutely than he would the intelligence that the whole of China had been destroyed by some convulsion of nature.

With and Without.

"Oh, doctor," exclaimed a rheumatic patient, "I suffer dreadfully with my hands and feet."

"But, my dear sir," rejoined the physician, "just try to think how much inconvenience you would suffer without them."

Common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys.—Lamartine.

Attack is the only way to have bit bar unless it rebounds.

to a pretty girl. She—What did I say?

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